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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of filing fee, please enter the following amendment in the specification and claims:

In the Specification:

Page 1, just after the title, please add the new following paragraph:

This application is an application under 35 U.S.C. Section 371 of International Application Number PCT/FR00/02325 filed on August 16, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-13 and replace them with the following new claims 14-31:

14. (New) A process for degreasing or cleaning a hard surface, comprising the step of using an aqueous medium comprising at least one compound employed in a concentration of from 0.01 to 10 g/l, having the following formula (I):

 $Z-X-[CH(R^3)-CH(R^4)-O]_{p}-[CH_2CH_2-O]_{p}-R^5(I)$

wherein:

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